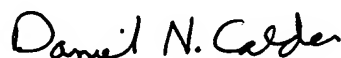


Remarks/Arguments:

Applicants have amended Figures 3 and 14 and include replacement pages. Figure 3 has been amended to correct "Laser Pulse Condition" to read as "Laser Pulse Width". And Figure 14 has been amended to include the legend "PRIOR ART".

Respectfully submitted,



Daniel N. Calder, Reg. No. 27,424
Attorney for Applicants

DNC/dmw

Attachments: Figures 3/14 and 14/14 (2 sheets)
Abstract

Dated: April 19, 2005

P.O. Box 980
Valley Forge, PA 19482
(610) 407-0700

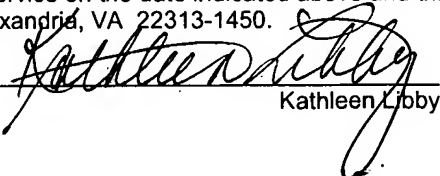
The Commissioner for Patents is hereby
authorized to charge payment to Deposit
Account No. 18-0350 of any fees associated
with this communication.

EXPRESS MAIL

Mailing Label Number:
Date of Deposit:

EV 614 759 591 US
April 19, 2005

I hereby certify that this paper and fee are being deposited, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 and with sufficient postage, using the "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service of the United States Postal Service on the date indicated above and that the deposit is addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.


Kathleen Lobby

DMW_I:\MTS\3550US\PRELIMAMEND.DOC